

# **SC Annual School Report Card Summary**

**Lexington Elementary** 

Lexington 1

Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 654** 

Principal: James H. Hamby

Superintendent: Dr. Karen C. Woodward

Board Chair: Cynthia S. Smith

### PERFORMANCE

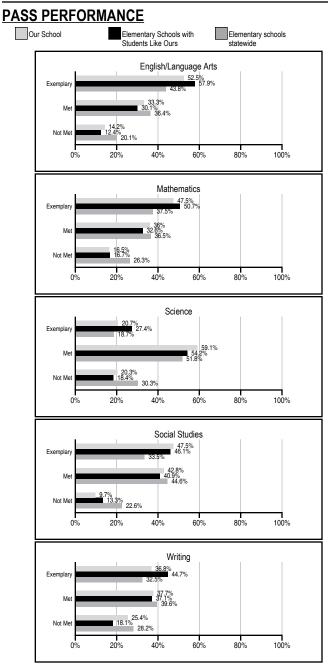
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| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD |                 | ESEA/FEDERAL | ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------------|
|      |                 |               | General Performance            | Closing the Gap | ESEA Grade   | Accountability Indicator     |
| 2013 | Excellent       | Good          | TBD                            | TBD             | В            | N/A                          |
| 2012 | Excellent       | Excellent     | Gold                           | N/A             | В            | N/A                          |
| 2011 | Excellent       | Good          | Gold                           | Silver          | Met          | N/A                          |

## **ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\***

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 35        | 11   | 0       | 1             | 0       |

<sup>\*</sup> Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.



### **NAEP PERFORMANCE\***

Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

| South Carolina  | 39                               | 33                           | 22              | 6       |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Nation          | 34                               | 34                           | 25              | 7       |
| ■ Below Basic □ |                                  | Basic                        | oficient, and A | dvanced |
| MATH – GRADE    | 4 (2011)                         | 1                            |                 |         |
| South Carolina  | 21                               | 43                           | 31              | 5       |
| Nation          | 18                               | 42                           | 33              | 6       |
|                 | % Below Basic<br>Basic ☐ Profici | % Basic, Proficient Advanced | ent, and Advan  | ced     |
| SCIENCE CDAI    | DE 4 (2009)                      | 1                            |                 |         |
| SCIENCE - GRAI  | 28                               | 38                           |                 | 33 1    |
| South Carolina  |                                  |                              |                 |         |
|                 | 29                               | 39                           |                 | 32 1    |

#### **SC PERFORMANCE VISION**

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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#### **SCHOOL PROFILE**

|  | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary<br>Schools with<br>Students Like<br>Ours | Median<br>Elementary<br>School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Students (n=654)   |            |                       |   |                                |
| Retention rate   | 0.1%       | Down from 0.2%        | 0.8%  | 0.9%                           |
| Attendance rate  | 96.2%      | Down from 96.5%       | 96.8%   | 96.3%                          |
| Served by gifted and talented program  | 11.2%      | N/A                   | 11.8%   | 7.2%                           |
| With disabilities  | 8.1%       | N/A                   | 10.9%   | 12.4%                          |
| Older than usual for grade   | 1.1%       | N/A                   | 1.4%  | 1.9%                           |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%  | 0.0%                           |
| Teachers (n=46)  |            |                       |   |                                |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 58.7%      | No Change             | 64.4%   | 62.5%                          |
| Continuing contract teachers   | 91.3%      | Down from 95.7%       | 89.3%   | 83.3%                          |
| Teachers returning from previous year  | 89.2%      | Down from 91.6%       | 89.7%   | 88.3%                          |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 96.6%      | Up from 96.5%         | 94.6%   | 95.0%                          |
| Average teacher salary*  | \$51,229   | Up 3.4%               | \$49,656  | \$48,193                       |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%  | 0.0%                           |
| Professional development days/teacher  | 8.1 days   | Down from 10.5 days   | 10.6 days   | 11.0 days                      |
| School   |            |                       |   |                                |
| Principal's years at school  | 3.0        | Up from 2.0           | 4.5   | 4.0                            |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 20.8 to 1  | Up from 20.6 to 1     | 21.1 to 1   | 20.1 to 1                      |
| Prime instructional time   | 92.1%      | Down from 92.5%       | 90.2%   | 90.0%                          |
| Opportunities in the arts  | Good       | No Change             | Good  | Good                           |
| SACS accreditation   | Yes        | No Change             | Yes   | Yes                            |
| Parents attending conferences  | 100.0%     | No Change             | 100.0%  | 100.0%                         |
| Character development program  | Excellent  | No Change             | Excellent   | Excellent                      |
| Dollars spent per pupil**  | \$7,577    | Up 6.0%               | \$7,148   | \$7,364                        |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 67.0%      | Up from 65.6%         | 69.0%   | 68.0%                          |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 66.0%      | Up from 64.5%         | 67.0%   | 66.0%                          |
| ESEA composite index score   | 86.2       | Down from 86.7        | 94.1  | 88.0                           |

<sup>\*</sup> Length of contract = 185+ days.

#### EVALUATION RESULTS

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 46       | 104       | 41       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 97.9%    | 88.4%     | 92.7%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100%     | 90.4%     | 80.5%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 95.7%    | 95.2%     | 87.8%    |

<sup>\*</sup>Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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### REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

In 2012-2013, the S.C. Department of Education recognized Lexington Elementary with its Palmetto Gold Award for General Performance and a state grade of 86.7 ("B") for performance exceeding state expectations. We provided excellent classroom instruction and examined student data from a variety of sources including Universal Screening and assessments such as Dominie, district reading and writing assessments, Palmetto Assessment of State Standards testing and Measures of Academic Progress. Our greatest challenge comes from the transient nature of our community with more than 2,400 apartments in our attendance zone.

Staff participated in professional development, studying "6+1 Traits of Writing" to gain a common language for improving student writing. We continued our study of the Common Core State Standards for English language arts and mathematics by emphasizing instructional rigor and high expectations for student learning and offering students the support they need to become capable thinkers and learners.

Teachers planned collaboratively, used common assessments and analyzed the results to plan instruction. To provide small-group differentiated instruction, teachers used a variety of instructional methods and technology. We added iPads at fourth- and fifth-grades, purchased 25 iPad minis for the Learning Commons, provided an iPad Mobile Cart with 20 devices, and supported our iPod touch and hand-held GPS devices. Students produced iMovies, iBooks, podcasts, voice threads, Geocaching, wikis and blogs. We continued support for our student-led television program, "LES Live."

To promote greatness in our students and provide leadership opportunities, we began our journey to incorporate the power of "The "7 Habits" schoolwide. Our staff did a book study of "The Leader in Me" by S. Covey. Our students and teachers read "The 7 Habits of Happy Kids" together and focused on these habits throughout the year.

Eighty-five percent of our students in grades two through five scored at the "proficient" level on Measures of Academic Progress in reading, while 86% scored "proficient" in mathematics. LES was recognized as one of the top schools in our district in First In Math, while grades two and three ranked in the top three in South Carolina. This year, we also added first-grade students to the program.

LES participated in three community service projects. We donated more than 1,000 pounds of stable goods and more than 100 coats to Lexington Interfaith Community Services. We collected donations of more than \$5,000 for Relay For Life and donated hundreds of holiday treats for soldiers to Blue Star Mothers of America.

Staff received \$1,000 grants from Project Unify and Bright Ideas. Lynn Dempsey was recognized as a PBS National Innovator Award winner. We received a \$10,000 grant for our Learning Commons. LES PTA purchased a new performance sound system and supported upgrades for our two-way radios. We piloted a new program that provided on-campus security during the school day with Lexington Town Police.

Principal James H. Hamby and SIC Chair Christi Stegall

<sup>\*\*</sup> Prior year audited financial data available.